Objectionable comments in textbooks of Delhi University

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that objectionable comments on History and Hindu Gods and Goddesses have been made in the textbooks of Delhi University;

(b) whether any agitation is also going on against it; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to make improvement in the textbooks?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, some organizations have objected to the inclusion of an essay titled 'Three Hundred Ramayans: Five Examples and Three Thoughts on Translation' by late Shri A.K. Ramanujan in the suggested readings for the concurrent course on 'Culture in India: Ancient' in the B.A. (Honours) programme of the University alleging that it contained derogatory references to the Hindu gods and goddesses. Though this essay does not form part of any textbook prescribed by the University, in view of the reservations expressed the University has constituted a Committee of eminent scholars, consisting of Prof. B.D. Chattopadhayaya, Prof. R.N. Mishra, Prof. M.G.S. Narayanan, Prof. Kapila Vatsyayan and Prof. M.K. Dhawalikar, to review the matter and give their views/opinion on it.

Misuse of funds under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†*77. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any information regarding misuse of funds by States under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the funds misused during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the necessary action taken by Government to prevent such misuse and not to allot the funds to the States?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The report on the performance audit of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), submitted by the Comptroller & Auditor General India 2005-06 for the period 2001-02 to 2004-05 has classified an amount of about Rs. 6.8 crore in Assam, Rs. 15.8 crore in Bihar, Rs. 22.9 crore in Gujarat, Rs. 4.7 crore in karnataka, Rs. 0.2 crore in Madhya Pradesh and Rs. 0.5 crore in

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